

### **13. Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Recommendation 3 Fire Cover Review 2012–13**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. To inform the Policy and Resources Committee of the proposed Terms of Reference for the IRMP Action Plan, Recommendation 3 Fire Cover Review 2012-13.

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#### **Recommendation**

***The Chief Fire Officer recommends that the Policy and Resources Committee agree the Terms of Reference for Recommendation 3 Fire Cover Review 2012 – 13.***

#### **Introduction and Background**

2. Fire and Rescue Services have a requirement to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) to demonstrate how they match available resources to risks within the community. In response to this requirement Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service produces an IRMP (3 yearly), and annual action plan to detail how this will be achieved.
3. The 2012-13 IRMP action plan will include a review of the Service's current fire cover arrangements. The review, termed IRMP Recommendation 3, has already been widely consulted and will consider areas of operational provision that were not included within an IRMP Fire Cover review undertaken within 2011-12.

#### **Terms of Reference**

4. Items that are considered to be within scope for the Recommendation 3 2012-13 review are as follows:
  - **Locations:** a review of all Station locations to look at geographical location, activity levels and risk profiles.
  - **Crewing Systems:** a review of all the crewing systems utilised within the Service. This review will build upon the review undertaken in the 2011–12 Fire Cover review (Rec 4), now being implemented. This review will encompass wider research on the impact and viability of alternative crewing arrangements being developed nationally and their relevance to HWFRS.
  - **Appliance Numbers:** an analysis of the number and specifications of appliances at each location (combined with those specifically reviewed in 2011/12 IRMP).

- **Special Appliances:** numbers, locations and mobilising criteria. This element will consider the current utilisation and numbers of Specialist Appliances, their staffing arrangements and geographical location in relation to the Service's risk profile.
- **Review of Borders:** risks that affect the Service at border locations. This element will look at the risk profiles around the Service's borders, potential changes to neighbouring Fire and Rescue Services and to evaluate current potential utilisation of Service assets over the border.
- **Interoperability:** analysis of current working arrangements with Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to establish whether more efficient ways of working can be established with regards to the utilisation of operational assets. Included within this workstream will be an analysis of attendance standards to determine whether a common attendance standard can be utilised by both Services.

### **Items Considered Out of Scope**

5. Items not considered within the scope of this review are listed below. Each item listed has been subject to a review within the last 3 years and as such the Service retains a currency of information against each area. Additionally National Resilience assets are funded separately and as such will require an independent review.
  - **National Resilience assets and strategy**
  - **Water assets and strategy**
  - **Flexible Duty System**
  - **Animal rescue**
  - **Automatic Fire Alarms (AFA) policy**
  - **Other areas currently under review and pending implementation will not be included**

### **Conclusion/Summary**

6. For efficiency, the delivery of this fire cover review will also be aligned to the development of the Service's future new IRMP, ensuring integration between key documents including the National Framework.

## Financial Considerations

| Consideration   | Yes/No | Reference in Report<br>i.e. paragraph no. |
|---|--------|---|
| There are financial issues that require consideration | N      |   |

## Legal Considerations

| Consideration   | Yes/No | Reference in Report<br>i.e. paragraph no. |
|---|--------|---|
| There are legal issues e.g. contractual and procurement, reputational issues that require consideration | N      |   |

## Additional Considerations

7. The table below sets out any additional issues arising from the proposals contained in this report and identifies the relevant paragraphs in the report where such issues are addressed.

| Consideration  | Yes/No | Reference in Report<br>i.e. paragraph no. |
|--|--------|---|
| <b>Resources</b> (e.g. Assets, ICT, Human Resources, Training & Development, Sustainability).                        | N      |   |
| <b>Strategic Policy Links</b> (e.g. IRMP, Authority Plan, Equality & Diversity, Partnerships, Environmental Impact). | Y      | IRMP. Authority Plan, Partnerships        |
| <b>Risk Management / Health &amp; Safety</b> (e.g. risk management and control measures, risk register score).       | N      |   |
| <b>Consultation with Representative Bodies</b>   | Y      | Ongoing                                   |

## Supporting Information

None

## Background papers

None

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